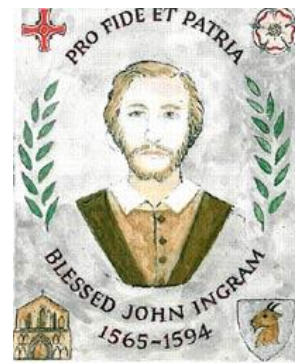




'Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.' *Bianco da Siena (c. 1350 - 1399), tr. Richard Littledale, 1867*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
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The John Ingram Partnership  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**23 May 2021**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Year B**

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- **THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** During the National Lockdown, and with the support of our volunteer stewards and cleaners, Fr Peter is continuing to celebrate Sunday Morning Mass with a congregation at 10.00am. All other Masses will be celebrated without a congregation. Remember that in the present circumstances, you are under no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation. If you intend to come to church on Sunday, please follow the 'booking-in' system detailed on the next page. If you are unable to attend Mass in church, Sunday Morning Mass will continue to be available to view on our Parish YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFQ> and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/) - The Parish of Our Lady & St Philip Neri.
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found at the following website: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)
- As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the pandemic. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

**Mass times listed below indicate Masses to be celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - if you wish to attend, please 'book-in' (see over page)**

<b>Sunday 23 May Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 24 May <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 25 May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>		John & Nancy Mulligan (ann.)
Wednesday 26 May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	12 noon	*Requiem Mass - Jan Errington RIP
Thursday 27 May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>		Mabel Porter (ann.) and the Porter Family
Friday 28 May	10.00am	*Requiem Mass - Matty Bullock RIP
Saturday 29 May		Priest's Intention
<b>Sunday 30 May The Most Holy Trinity</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish

*Readings at Mass 17 - 22 May: Ordinary Time Year 1 Week 8*

*\*There may be some spaces for parishioners who would like to attend either of the Requiem Masses on Wednesday 26 May or Friday 28 May – please check and 'book in' (see over page)*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Matty Bullock and Jan Errington who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Joseph Howstan, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Geoff Taylor.

**If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).**

### **SUNDAY MORNING 10.00am MASS & REQUIEM MASSES**

In order to ensure that all those coming to church can have a seat and be safely accommodated, there is a dedicated telephone 'booking in' system - the telephone number is 07388 814715 and you can contact this number Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. Please note this number does not accept text messaging and there is no facility to leave a message.

*For those who have booked-in and are attending Mass, the church will open half an hour before the published Mass time.*

***The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this. At all times, when travelling to and from church, and whilst in church, you must observe strict social distancing (i.e. 2 metres) from anyone not in your household or support bubble and you must not mingle with anyone not in your household or support bubble before, during or after Mass.***

*A one-way system is in place in the church, plus hand sanitisers at the entrance (Main Doors) and exit (Day Chapel). Once in church, please be guided by the volunteer stewards.*

*There is also a poster on display with Immaculate Heart's QR code which can be scanned using the NHS COVID-19 app if you have downloaded it onto your mobile phone. Contact details will also still be requested, manually noted and safely stored for 21 days.*

***Sunday Morning Mass is also available online and can be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#).***

**PARISH FINANCES 2020-2021** The annual financial returns for the year ended March 2021 have been completed and it is pleasing to report that total funds have increased from £286,096 to £303,354. Of this figure, £295,236 belongs to the Parish with other monies being held for Gift for Life, the Food Bank and special collections that are paid after year end closes. The £17,069 increase in parish money compares to a £26,828 increase last year. The £9,798 decrease is mainly attributable to a £21,776 (27.6%) decline in offertory collections which is due of course to the church closures during the whole year. Given the circumstances, this is quite an impressive performance and the impact has been reduced somewhat by lower spending in areas such as heating, repairs and church requisites.

We are in a more fortunate position than we would have been a few years ago when all offertory monies were collected in the form of cash. In any event, grateful thanks to all parishioners who continue to contribute financially by standing order (including those who have switched to this method over the past 12 months) and those who contribute to the weekly church collections or post their offertory envelopes through the presbytery letter box. If you would like to set up a standing order for your contributions, please see **Parish Offertory Donations** notice on the next page.

Looking to the new financial year, both the PPC and Finance Committee have recently approved a contribution of £6,000 towards the cost of a new kitchen at [Joe's Place](#) which supports some of the most needy and vulnerable people in the area. Other parishes in the Partnership have also contributed to the refurbishments at [Joe's Place](#).

**LAY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION** This Sunday 23 May there will be a special collection for the Diocesan Lay Training Fund. If you have planned giving envelopes, please use the purple envelope dated 23 May.

**THANK YOU FROM CATH PAISLEY** Cath would like to thank everyone who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards and offered prayers at the sad loss of her brother, Paul Elliott.

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 59** To celebrate the first week of the cinemas reopening, we've going all movie themed this week. There's a tricky cinema word search and family movie quiz together with a children's activity sheet. There's also a 3D sudoku to challenge yourself with plus a mindfulness colouring page to do, "Our Street", as we start getting reacquainted with our neighbours. All activities can be found on the parish website [here](#) together with the previous week's answers (just under the link for that week's newsletter). You'll find all previous sheets there too. Enjoy!

**A MARATHON OF PRAYER 2021** The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle welcomes Pope Francis' invitation to encourage the Universal Church to pray the Rosary during May. At the heart of the Holy Father's wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a marathon of prayer from the theme "From the whole Church the prayer to God went up incessantly" (Acts 12:5). The initiative will involve in a special way all the Sanctuaries of the world, so that they become promoters to the faithful, families and communities of the recitation of the Rosary to invoke the end of the pandemic. [Read more here](#) about the Marathon of Prayer in our Diocese and the resources available.

**LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2021** is taking place from 16 - 25 May with global events and hundreds of local and regional events organized by partners around the world. This week will also be the culmination of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year (proposed by Pope Francis from May 2020 to May 2021) and the celebration of the great progress the entire Church has made on its journey towards ecological conversion. *Laudato Si' Week 2021* will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and to prepare for the future with hope. For more information [visit our Diocesan Laudato Si' page](#). You can find out more about the Laudato Si' week, how you can register for the event and access all of the resources available through the [official website](#).

**BLESSED JOHN INGRAM** Blessed John Ingram (1565 - 1594) was a Reformation martyr who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. During his ministry, he was assisted and sheltered by local aristocrats, but was eventually apprehended and convicted on a charge of high treason. An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please [click here](#). You can also [read more](#) about him on the Diocesan website's *Northern Saints* page.

**PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS** If you would like to set up a standing order for your regular contributions to the parish, or to make a one-off contribution, please make arrangements with your bank. The Parish account details you will need to do this are:

*DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri*

*Sort code: 40-34-45 Account number: 21167936*

*Reference for standing orders: insert your own name; commencing: e.g. 6th of each month; frequency: each month, quarterly or annually.* Alternatively, if you have Planned Giving envelopes or *Gift for Life* envelopes you can always put them through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery or bring them with you if you are coming to Immaculate Heart Church for Sunday Mass or to drop off items for the Food Appeal. Thank you.

**UPDATE - FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT** Please note if you're not able to or would rather not shop for the Food Bank we're happy to accept a cash donation to shop on your behalf.

Currently we are well stocked with teabags, lentils, chickpeas & kidney beans. **Please could you focus upon donating: uht milk, tinned tomatoes, fruit, corned beef, tinned meat (mince, stewing steak etc), hot dogs, coffee, sweets and feminine hygiene.** We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: pasta, pasta sauce, hot dogs, tinned fruit, vegetables, squash, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, sugar, tuna, long grain rice etc. - all gratefully received.

Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off then if they wish. If you are dropping off donations at church, please don't enter the church, but give a shout and leave any donations inside the open door. You can also bring donations if you are coming to church for Mass. Thank you.

**Drop off points - for donations of food or cash remain the same:**

**Dunston area** - John Pinchen, 316 Dunston Road, Dunston (leave in the porch).

**Lobley Hill area** - Maveen Pereira, 41, Beechwood Gardens, Lobley Hill, (leave in the porch).

**Whickham area** - Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham (mobile 07837 386760) - leave donations in the back garden.

**FAITH WITNESS AGAINST HASSOCKFIELD** In October this year, the UK Government plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield on the site of the former Medomsley Detention Centre, nr Consett. This will be for 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. Along with many other organisations, our Diocesan Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council has condemned this proposal as inhumane and unjust. Migrant women are not criminals and deserve our utmost respect, protection and compassion as they make their case for asylum. An Interfaith Prayer Service will take place this **Sunday 23 May at 3.00pm** in several churches and places of worship across the region as part of a united faith response against Hassockfield. The Youth Ministry Team (YMT) will join with the Faith Witness and will go live at the same time on YMT's Facebook which can be accessed [here](#).

**BE SAFE, BE FRAUD AWARE** There is currently a high volume of impersonation fraud messages being sent by email and the best protection we have is to be fraud aware. The Diocese has issued some practical advice on how to protect yourself and be fraud aware which can be viewed [here](#).

### **Jen's Weekly Prayer for Pentecost**

Love is a huge and beautiful gift it does not diminish as we share it, we water it with more love.

This Great Gift you have bestowed upon us allows us to share this special part of ourselves.

All of our gifts are available for us to nurture and allow to flourish.

Some we may not even recognize, a smile to a stranger, a kind word, an ear to listen, a child's laughter bringing joy, a hug to give comfort.

Alongside all of these wonders are the exquisite scenes of natural beauty around us from the mightiest waterfall to the gentle trickle of a hillside stream which will in turn become a river providing shelter, livelihoods, peace, recreation and tranquility.

May we cherish our own unique and special gifts allow them to burst from leaf to bud to flower or tree and share as nature does their comfort joy and blessing.

May the Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen us to see wonder in the ordinary and in the breathtaking extraordinary.

Give thanks and be filled with renewed Light and Hope.

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### **Marian Prayer of Saint Philip Neri**

Mary, I love you.

Mary, make me live in God,

With God, and for God.

Draw me after you, holy mother.

O Mary, may your children persevere in loving you.

Mary, Mother of God and mother of mercy.

Pray for me and for the departed.

Mary, hold Mother of God,

Be our helper.

In every difficulty and distress,

Come to our aid, O Mary.

O Queen of Heaven,

Lead us to eternal life with God.

Mother of God, remember me,

And help me always to remember you.

O Mary, conceived without sin,

Pray for us who have recourse to you.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray to Jesus for Me.

Amen.

*The Feast of St Philip Neri is celebrated this Wednesday 26 May.*

**First Reading***Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and Proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm***Psalms 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R/cf. v.30*

*Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

**Second Reading***1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial  
height  
Thy pure beaming radiance  
give.

Come, thou Father of the  
poor,  
Come with treasures which  
endure;  
Come, thou light of all that  
live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful  
gust,  
Dost refreshing peace  
bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort  
sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the  
heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of  
thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength  
renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and  
will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the  
chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts  
descend:

Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***John 20:19-23*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.**